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Re: Sauget Area 2 Site

Sauget/Cahokia, Illinois

Dear Ms. Watts and Messrs. McAteer and McMartin:

I am in receipt of your letter to Norfolk Southern Corp. dated June 23, 2000 regarding the above site.

Please be advised that, with limited exceptions not applicable here, Norfolk Southern Corp. ("NSC") does not own real property. I am currently evaluating, however, whether any NSC subsidiaries own real property at the above Site and will contact you in the near future with a more detailed response to your June 23, 2000 letter.

Please direct all future correspondence concerning the Site to my attention.

Very truly yours,

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